

In the Claims

Claims are amended as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method of ~~automatically~~ establishing a telephone call over a communications network between a call source and a destination at a specified future time using a web-based telephony application hosted by a web server, said web server being located remotely from the call source, said method comprising the steps of:

(i) receiving at the web server a uniform resource identifier (URI) comprising the specified future time relative to the time of creation of the URI and also comprising information about the call source and the destination; and

(ii) arranging the web-based telephony application to access the URI and, at the specified future time specified in the URI, to instruct a telephony apparatus to automatically establish a telephone call over the communications network between the source and the destination specified in the URI such that a user of the telephony apparatus is not required to operate the telephony apparatus at said future specified time to establish the telephone call.

2. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said step (i) of receiving a URI comprises receiving the URI from another entity selected from a web site and a software application on a user terminal.

3. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said step (i) of receiving a URI comprises receiving the URI from a web-based conference call booking application.

4. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said step (i) of receiving a URI comprises receiving the URI from a calendar application on a user terminal.

5. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said URI comprises time zone information.

6. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said information about the call destination comprises a directory number (DN).

7. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said URI comprises a plurality of directory numbers and a plurality of time ranges, one for each directory number.

8. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 7 wherein said step (ii) comprises instructing the telephony apparatus to automatically establish a telephone call to one of the directory numbers depending on the current time and the time ranges.

9. (cancelled)

10. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1 which further comprises instructing the telephony apparatus to display the URI at a telephone terminal at the call source.

11. (currently amended) A web-based telephony application for automatically establishing a telephone call over a communications network between a source and a destination at a specified future time, said web-based telephony application being hosted by a web server located remotely from the source, the web-based telephony application comprising:

(i) an input arranged to receive a uniform resource identifier (URI) comprising the specified future time relative to the time of creation of the URI and also comprising information about the source and the destination; and

(ii) a computer program arranged to access the URI and, at the specified future time specified in the URI, to control a telephony apparatus to automatically establish a telephone call over the communications network between the source and destination specified in the URI such that a user of the telephony apparatus is not required to operate the telephony apparatus at said future specified time to establish the telephone call.

12 to 18. (cancelled)

19. (previously presented) The web-based telephony application as claimed in claim 11, further comprising a web-browser which is arranged to receive a plurality of URIs each comprising time information and to select one of the plurality of URIs on the basis of the time information in said URIs.

20. (previously presented) The web-based telephony application as claimed in claim 19, comprising a parser arranged to parse URIs which comprise time information.

21. (previously presented) The web-based telephony application as claimed in claim 11, further comprising a processor which is connected to the communications network such that uniform resource identifiers (URIs) are created which comprise time information and send it to other entities within an internet protocol telephony communications network for the purposes of establishing a telephony call.

22. (currently amended) A method of establishing a telephony communication between a source and a destination over a communications network at a specified future time using a web-based application hosted by a web server located remotely from the source, the method comprising the steps of:

(i) receiving at the web server a uniform resource identifier (URI) comprising the specified future time relative to the creation of the URI and also comprising information about the source and the destination;

(ii) arranging the web-based telephony application to access the URI and, at the specified future time specified in the URI, to instruct a telephony apparatus to automatically connect the source and the destination as specified in the URI to effect the telephony communication such that a user of the telephony apparatus is not required to operate the telephony apparatus at said future specified time to establish the telephony communication.

23. (currently amended) A web-based telephony application for automatically establishing a telephony communication between a source and a destination over a communications network, the web-based telephony application being hosted by a web server located remotely from the source, the web-based telephony application comprising:

(i) an input arranged to receive a uniform resource identifier (URI) comprising a specified future time relative to the creation of the URI and also comprising information about the source and the destination; and

(ii) a computer program arranged to access the URI and, at the specified future time specified in the URI, to automatically connect the source and destination to route the telephony communication over the communications network such that a user of a telephony apparatus is not required to operate the telephony apparatus at said future specified time to establish the telephony communication.

24. (cancelled)

25. (previously presented) The web-based telephony application as claimed in claim 11, wherein the URI includes : password information; time zone information, address information; and protocol information.